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Main Content

Selected Source Materials

> This section presents selected source materials related to the purpose of this volume.

Universal Information Governance Records Management Framework

CSA-111 — Universal Information Governance Records Management Framework Version: Draft 0.1 Series: Civic Station Architecture Status: Architecture Planning Document

1. PURPOSE

This framework establishes a standardized approach for creating, classifying, retaining, protecting, retrieving, archiving, and disposing of governance records throughout their lifecycle while preserving authenticity, integrity, and accountability.

2. OBJECTIVES

- Preserve official records.
- Support transparency and accountability.
- Ensure appropriate retention.
- Protect sensitive records.
- Enable efficient retrieval.
- Align records management with the Universal Core architecture.

3. RECORDS MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES

Records management shall be:

- Authentic
- Reliable

- Complete
- Secure
- Traceable
- Governed

4. RECORDS MANAGEMENT MODEL

Each record should include:

- Record identifier
- Classification
- Record owner
- Creation date
- Retention schedule
- Security classification
- Version history
- Storage location
- Disposition status
- Audit history

5. RECORDS LIFECYCLE

Records management includes:

- Creation
- Classification
- Storage
- Protection
- Access
- Retention

- Archiving
- Lawful disposition

6. RECORDS CONTROLS

Organizations may implement:

- Records repositories
- Retention schedules
- Classification standards
- Access controls
- Audit logging
- Automated disposition workflows

7. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Organizations should monitor:

- Record retrieval time
- Retention compliance
- Classification accuracy
- Unauthorized access events
- Archive completeness
- Disposition accuracy

8. GOVERNANCE

Leadership shall approve records policies, assign records custodians, oversee retention schedules, allocate preservation resources, review compliance, and ensure records remain trustworthy and accessible.

9. CONTINUAL IMPROVEMENT

Records management should improve through audits, regulatory updates, technology modernization, user feedback, lifecycle reviews, and lessons learned.

10. SUCCESS CRITERION

Every Civic Station deployment should maintain a governed information governance records management framework that preserves institutional records, supports accountability, and strengthens the Universal Core through consistent lifecycle management.

Universal Information Governance Information Governance Participation Management Framework

CSA-217 — Universal Information Governance Information Governance Participation Management Framework Version: Draft 0.1 Series: Civic Station Architecture Status: Architecture Planning Document

1. PURPOSE

This framework establishes a standardized approach for managing Information Governance participation throughout the Civic Station ecosystem. Information Governance Participation Management ensures that individuals, organizations, communities, and governance participants have structured opportunities to contribute knowledge, perspectives, decisions, and actions that support shared governance objectives.

2. OBJECTIVES

- Establish consistent governance participation practices.
- Expand opportunities for meaningful contribution.
- Support inclusive governance processes.
- Improve representation of stakeholder perspectives.
- Strengthen shared ownership of governance outcomes.
- Align participation management practices with the Universal Core architecture.

3. INFORMATION GOVERNANCE PARTICIPATION MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES

Participation management shall be:

- Inclusive
- Accessible
- Meaningful
- Transparent
- Balanced
- Governed

4. PARTICIPATION MANAGEMENT MODEL

Each participation management program should define:

- Participation objectives
- Participant groups
- Contribution methods
- Participation requirements
- Decision involvement levels
- Feedback mechanisms
- Recognition practices
- Participation records
- Evaluation methods
- Governance status

5. PARTICIPATION MANAGEMENT LIFECYCLE

Participation activities include:

- Participation planning
- Participant identification
- Opportunity creation
- Contribution collection
- Evaluation
- Decision integration
- Outcome communication
- Participation improvement

6. PARTICIPATION MANAGEMENT CONTROLS

Organizations may implement:

- Participation frameworks
- Public input processes
- Working sessions
- Advisory groups
- Contribution tracking
- Participation reviews

7. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Organizations should monitor:

- Participation levels
- Contribution quality
- Representation effectiveness

- Feedback integration
- Participant satisfaction
- Governance maturity

8. GOVERNANCE

Leadership shall establish participation standards, define contribution opportunities, oversee participation processes, evaluate input, allocate resources, and ensure consistent Information Governance Participation Management throughout the enterprise.

9. CONTINUAL IMPROVEMENT

Participation practices should evolve through participant feedback, engagement reviews, performance analysis, operational experience, governance assessments, technology improvements, and lessons learned.

10. SUCCESS CRITERION

Every Civic Station deployment should maintain a governed Information Governance Participation Management framework that enables meaningful contribution, supports shared decision-making, and strengthens collaboration, accountability, transparency, and trust throughout the Universal Core architecture.

Records Retention And Information Lifecycle Handbook Reference Edition V1.0.0

OM-054

RECORDS RETENTION AND INFORMATION LIFECYCLE HANDBOOK

America Together 2028 Reference Edition

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DOCUMENT INFORMATION

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Document ID: OM-054

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Edition: America Together 2028 Reference Edition

Document Version: 1.0.0

Publication Year: 2026

References: CS-001 through CS-007 OM-001 through OM-053

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1. PURPOSE

This handbook establishes recommended practices for managing the complete lifecycle of organizational records, from creation through archival or disposal.

A structured records program improves accountability, historical preservation, and operational efficiency.

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2. RECORD CATEGORIES
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Organizations should classify records into categories such as:

- Governance • Financial • Volunteer • Training • Operational •

Technical • Communications • Historical

Categories support consistent retention decisions.

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3.

INFORMATION LIFECYCLE

Records typically progress through:

- Creation • Review • Active use • Storage • Archive • Disposal (when

appropriate)

Each stage should follow documented procedures.

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4.

RETENTION SCHEDULES

Retention schedules should define:

- Record type • Responsible owner • Minimum retention period • Archive

requirements • Disposal authorization

Applicable legal requirements should always be considered.

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5. ARCHIVAL

PRESERVATION

Important historical records should be preserved using reliable storage methods with appropriate backups and integrity checks.

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6. ACCESS CONTROL

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Organizations should establish appropriate access permissions for active and archived records while supporting transparency where appropriate.

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7. DISPOSAL

When records are no longer required, disposal should be:

- Authorized • Documented • Secure • Consistent with policy • Recorded

in disposal logs

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8.

DOCUMENTATION

Maintain records including:

- Retention schedules • Archive inventories • Disposal logs • Review

history • Preservation activities • Recovery procedures

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9.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Records management practices should be reviewed regularly to improve organization, accessibility, preservation, and operational effectiveness.

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10.

LONG-TERM OBJECTIVE

The long-term objective is to establish a reliable records management program that preserves institutional memory, supports good governance, protects important information, and enables Civic Stations to responsibly manage information throughout its entire lifecycle.

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Universal Information Governance Information Governance Awareness Framework

CSA-170 — Universal Information Governance Information Governance Awareness Framework Version: Draft 0.1 Series: Civic Station Architecture Status: Architecture Planning Document

1. PURPOSE

This framework establishes a standardized approach for developing awareness of Information Governance responsibilities throughout the Civic Station ecosystem. Information Governance Awareness ensures that individuals and organizations understand governance expectations, their responsibilities, and the importance of responsible information management.

2. OBJECTIVES

- Increase understanding of governance responsibilities.
- Promote responsible information practices.
- Improve participation in governance activities.
- Reduce information management risks.
- Strengthen organizational culture.
- Align awareness practices with the Universal Core architecture.

3. INFORMATION GOVERNANCE AWARENESS PRINCIPLES

Awareness shall be:

- Understandable
- Accessible
- Relevant
- Consistent
- Continuous
- Governed

4. AWARENESS MODEL

Each awareness program should define:

- Awareness objectives
- Target audiences
- Required knowledge areas
- Training methods
- Communication channels
- Participation expectations
- Measurement methods
- Review schedule
- Improvement process
- Governance status

5. AWARENESS LIFECYCLE

Awareness activities include:

- Needs assessment
- Content development
- Delivery
- Participation
- Evaluation
- Reinforcement
- Improvement

6. AWARENESS CONTROLS

Organizations may implement:

- Governance education programs
- Training materials
- Awareness campaigns
- Knowledge resources
- Role-based guidance
- Awareness measurement systems

7. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Organizations should monitor:

- Awareness participation
- Knowledge retention
- Training completion
- Governance behavior improvements

- Feedback quality
- Governance maturity

8. GOVERNANCE

Leadership shall establish awareness standards, define learning requirements, support participation, oversee awareness activities, allocate resources, and ensure consistent Information Governance awareness throughout the enterprise.

9. CONTINUAL IMPROVEMENT

Awareness practices should evolve through feedback, assessments, knowledge reviews, technology improvements, governance changes, and lessons learned.

10. SUCCESS CRITERION

Every Civic Station deployment should maintain a governed Information Governance Awareness framework that ensures participants understand their responsibilities, support responsible information practices, and contribute to the strength, trust, and accountability of the Universal Core architecture.

Universal Information Governance Information Governance Decision Support Framework

CSA-195 — Universal Information Governance Information Governance Decision Support Framework Version: Draft 0.1 Series: Civic Station Architecture Status: Architecture Planning Document

1. PURPOSE

This framework establishes a standardized approach for supporting Information Governance decisions throughout the Civic Station ecosystem. Information Governance Decision Support ensures that leaders, administrators, and participants have access to reliable information, analysis methods, and governance knowledge needed to make effective decisions.

2. OBJECTIVES

- Establish consistent decision support practices.
- Improve governance decision quality.
- Provide reliable decision information.
- Support transparent decision-making.
- Reduce uncertainty in governance choices.
- Align decision support practices with the Universal Core architecture.

3. INFORMATION GOVERNANCE DECISION SUPPORT PRINCIPLES

Decision support shall be:

- Evidence-based
- Transparent
- Timely
- Relevant
- Understandable
- Governed

4. DECISION SUPPORT MODEL

Each decision support program should define:

- Decision requirements
- Information sources
- Analysis methods
- Decision criteria
- Stakeholder responsibilities
- Review processes
- Documentation requirements
- Approval methods
- Feedback mechanisms
- Governance status

5. DECISION SUPPORT LIFECYCLE

Decision support activities include:

- Decision identification
- Information gathering
- Analysis
- Evaluation
- Recommendation development
- Decision execution
- Outcome review
- Improvement

6. DECISION SUPPORT CONTROLS

Organizations may implement:

- Decision records
- Analysis frameworks
- Governance dashboards
- Evaluation criteria
- Review processes
- Decision documentation standards

7. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Organizations should monitor:

- Decision effectiveness
- Information quality
- Decision turnaround time

- Stakeholder confidence
- Outcome achievement
- Governance maturity

8. GOVERNANCE

Leadership shall establish decision support standards, define information requirements, oversee decision processes, ensure accountability, allocate resources, and maintain consistent Information Governance Decision Support throughout the enterprise.

9. CONTINUAL IMPROVEMENT

Decision support practices should evolve through outcome analysis, stakeholder feedback, audits, technology improvements, governance assessments, and lessons learned.

10. SUCCESS CRITERION

Every Civic Station deployment should maintain a governed Information Governance Decision Support framework that enables informed choices, improves governance outcomes, and strengthens transparency, accountability, and trust throughout the Universal Core architecture.

Candidate Information Handbook Reference Edition V1.0.0

OM-009

CANDIDATE INFORMATION HANDBOOK

America Together 2028 Reference Edition

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DOCUMENT INFORMATION

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Publisher: America Together 2028

Edition: America Together 2028 Reference Edition

Document Version: 1.0.0

Publication Year: 2026

References: CS-001 through CS-007 OM-001 through OM-008

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1. PURPOSE

This handbook establishes recommended practices for collecting, organizing, reviewing, publishing, and maintaining candidate information within the Civic Station ecosystem.

Its objective is to help communities make informed decisions by providing structured, transparent, and well-documented information about candidates for public office.

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2. GUIDING PRINCIPLES
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Candidate information should be:

- Accurate • Transparent • Well documented • Regularly reviewed •

Clearly sourced • Easy to understand • Consistently organized

The objective is to inform, not persuade.

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3.

INFORMATION CATEGORIES

Candidate profiles may include:

- Office sought • Biography • Qualifications • Campaign website • Public

contact information • Policy positions • Public statements • Debate participation • Voting record (when applicable) • Financial disclosures (when publicly available)

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4. SOURCES

Whenever practical, information should be obtained from:

- Official government sources • Official campaign publications • Public

candidate statements • Public debates • Legally available public records

Sources should be identified so readers can review them directly.

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5. REVIEW PROCESS
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Before publication:

- Verify available information. • Confirm source attribution. •

Distinguish fact from analysis. • Correct identified errors. • Record review activity. • Preserve version history.

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6.

PRESENTATION

Information should be presented in a consistent format so that readers can compare candidates fairly.

Unknown or unavailable information should be identified rather than replaced with assumptions.

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7. UPDATES

Candidate information should be reviewed periodically throughout an election cycle.

Meaningful changes should be documented with updated version information and review dates.

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8.

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Stations may receive suggestions, corrections, or additional public information from community members.

All submissions should be reviewed before publication.

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9. ARCHIVING
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After an election, candidate information should be archived as historical reference material while preserving publication dates, versions, and source information.

Historical records contribute to institutional knowledge.

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10.

LONG-TERM OBJECTIVE

The Candidate Information Handbook promotes a transparent, organized, and trustworthy approach to presenting candidate information.

By preserving consistent standards across election cycles, Civic Stations help communities access reliable information while building a long-term historical record of civic participation.

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Technology And Information Systems Handbook Reference Edition V1.0.0

OM-019

TECHNOLOGY AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS HANDBOOK

America Together 2028 Reference Edition

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DOCUMENT INFORMATION

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Document Version: 1.0.0

Publication Year: 2026

References: CS-001 through CS-007 OM-001 through OM-018

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1. PURPOSE

This handbook establishes recommended practices for planning, operating, maintaining, and protecting the technology systems used by Civic Stations.

Reliable technology supports knowledge sharing, volunteer coordination, public communication, and long-term organizational continuity.

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2.

TECHNOLOGY PHILOSOPHY

Technology should serve people, not replace them.

Systems should be:

- Reliable • Secure • Understandable • Maintainable • Well documented •

Accessible whenever practical

Technology should simplify civic participation rather than make it more complicated.

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3.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Examples of Civic Station information systems include:

- ElectionOS • Knowledge repositories • Document libraries • Websites •

Volunteer management systems • Communication platforms • Digital archives • Training resources

Each system should have a clearly defined purpose.

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4. SYSTEM

ADMINISTRATION

Administrators should:

- Maintain system documentation. • Apply updates in an organized manner.
- Monitor system health. • Review access permissions. • Test backups. •

Maintain recovery procedures.

Operational changes should be documented whenever practical.

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5.

INFORMATION SECURITY

Protect information through:

- Strong authentication • Appropriate access controls • Secure backups •

Software updates • Device protection • Responsible account management

Security is an ongoing process rather than a single event.

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6. DATA MANAGEMENT

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Information should be:

- Accurate • Organized • Properly versioned • Backed up • Recoverable •

Archived when appropriate

Good data management improves organizational effectiveness.

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7. USER SUPPORT

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Technology support should encourage users to:

- Report issues promptly. • Document recurring problems. • Share

solutions. • Follow published procedures. • Continue learning.

Helpful support strengthens volunteer confidence.

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8. CHANGE MANAGEMENT

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Significant technology changes should include:

- Planning • Testing • Documentation • Communication • Review after

implementation

Controlled changes reduce unnecessary disruption.

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9.

TECHNOLOGY REVIEW

Technology systems should be reviewed periodically to evaluate:

- Reliability • Performance • Security • Ease of use • Compatibility •

Future improvement opportunities

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10.

LONG-TERM OBJECTIVE

The long-term objective is to maintain dependable technology and information systems that preserve civic knowledge, support public service, and remain adaptable as communities and technologies continue to evolve.

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Public Information And Media Relations Handbook Reference Edition V1.0.0

OM-029

PUBLIC INFORMATION AND MEDIA RELATIONS HANDBOOK

America Together 2028 Reference Edition

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DOCUMENT INFORMATION

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Document Version: 1.0.0

Publication Year: 2026

References: CS-001 through CS-007 OM-001 through OM-028

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1. PURPOSE

This handbook establishes recommended practices for communicating with news organizations, public information outlets, content creators, and members of the public on behalf of Civic Stations.

Professional communication strengthens credibility, transparency, and public confidence.

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2.

COMMUNICATION PHILOSOPHY

Public communication should be:

- Accurate • Timely • Respectful • Transparent • Well documented •

Consistent with published standards

The objective is to inform rather than speculate.

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3. OFFICIAL

REPRESENTATION

Individuals speaking on behalf of a Civic Station should clearly identify when they are presenting official organizational information and when they are expressing personal opinions.

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4. MEDIA REQUESTS
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When responding to media inquiries:

- Verify the request. • Gather accurate information. • Review supporting

documentation. • Identify an appropriate spokesperson. • Maintain records of significant communications.

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5. PUBLIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements should include:

- Purpose • Date • Organization • Relevant facts • Contact information

when appropriate • References to supporting publications

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6. INTERVIEWS

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Representatives should:

- Prepare in advance. • Stay focused on verified information. • Avoid

speculation. • Correct factual errors respectfully. • Follow up when additional information is required.

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7. DIGITAL MEDIA

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When using websites, newsletters, podcasts, videos, or social media, organizations should strive for consistent branding, accessible information, and regular publication schedules.

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8.

RECORDKEEPING

Maintain records of significant:

- Press releases • Interviews • Public statements • Media requests •

Published announcements • Communication plans

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9. REVIEW

Evaluate public communication by considering:

- Accuracy • Reach • Community understanding • Public feedback •

Opportunities for improvement

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10.

LONG-TERM OBJECTIVE

The long-term objective is to establish Civic Stations as trusted, reliable sources of civic information through professional, consistent, and transparent public communication.

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Public Domain Information

Title: Public Domain Information

Purpose: Explain the project's public-domain intent and the expected practices for printing, sharing, and local reuse.

Relationship to Universal Core: This guide summarizes the distribution philosophy expressed by the foundation layer, especially CSF-0011 through CSF-0015. Those source documents remain controlling references.

PUBLIC-DOMAIN INTENT

Civic Station Universal Core is intended as a public-domain civic knowledge resource. The purpose is to make useful civic reference material broadly available to individuals, communities, governments, libraries, schools, and organizations.

PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION

Users are encouraged to:

- Print individual documents
- Assemble local binders and topic packets
- Share digital copies
- Provide materials in libraries and civic offices
- Build role-specific or institution-specific collections
- Preserve copies for long-term community access

RESPONSIBLE LOCAL USE

When reproducing or distributing materials:

- Keep the document ID and title visible.
- Preserve version and archive information.
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- Identify local supplements clearly.
- Keep independent modules independent.
- Do not assign content to reserved identifiers.

LOCAL ADAPTATION

The public-domain intent supports local use and adaptation. A changed or supplemented copy should be labeled so readers can distinguish it from the archived edition. The official archive should remain available as a reference point.

CONTROLLING REFERENCES

Consult:

- CSF-0011 — Public Domain Declaration
- CSF-0012 — Printing and Distribution Guide
- CSF-0013 — Library and Educational Use Guide
- CSF-0014 — Community Reproduction Guide
- CSF-0015 — Attribution and Version Identification Guide

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Citizen Pathway

Title: Citizen Pathway

Purpose: Give residents a welcoming, nontechnical route into civic systems, services, participation, and community knowledge.

Relationship to Universal Core: Universal Core is a voluntary public knowledge resource. It does not define citizenship rights or duties and does not replace official public information.

Intended audience: Residents, voters, volunteers, students, newcomers, neighborhood participants, and anyone seeking to understand community systems.

WHY THIS PATHWAY MAY BE RELEVANT

Residents encounter civic systems through services, infrastructure, schools, courts, public meetings, elections, community organizations, and shared public information.

Starting documents:

- CS-001 — What is a Civic Station?
- CSF-0001 — Foundation Introduction
- CSF-0003 — How to Use the Universal Core Library
- CSF-0004 — Who This Library Serves
- CSF-0010 — Getting Started Guide
- OM-1338 — Citizen Assistance Services Systems Handbook

Recommended next areas:

- How local government and public services connect
- Community participation and volunteer opportunities
- Public information and library access
- Infrastructure, education, and safety topics
- Using the Topic Index for a specific concern

Related pathways:

- COMMUNITY_ORGANIZATION_PATHWAY.txt
- LIBRARY_SYSTEM_PATHWAY.txt
- MUNICIPAL_GOVERNMENT_PATHWAY.txt
- NONPROFIT_PATHWAY.txt

USE NOTE

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Reference and Library Connections

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- Technology And Information Systems Handbook Reference Edition V1.0.0
- Public Information And Media Relations Handbook Reference Edition V1.0.0
- Public Domain Information
- Citizen Pathway

Related Publications

- Citizen Starter (CSUC-CIT-001)
- Everyday Civic Participation (CSUC-CIT-002)
- Finding Public Services and Assistance (CSUC-CIT-003)
- Civic Station Foundations (CSUC-FND-001)
- Core Reference Edition (CSUC-REF-001)